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REMARKS

Claims 1-55 were originally presented in the subject application. Claim 51 has hereinabove been amended, and claims 56-63 added, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. No claims have herein been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-63 remain in this case.

The addition of new matter has been scrupulously avoided.

An amendment to the specification updates the cross-reference to the parent case to recite a U.S. patent number.

Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of the present application.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action restricted the present application under 35 U.S.C. §121 into the following alleged specie groups:

1. Group A, FIGs. 1 and 3;
2. Group B, FIG. 2;
3. Group C, FIG. 4;
4. Group D, FIG. 5;
5. Group E, FIG. 6;
6. Group F, FIG. 7;
7. Group G, FIG. 8;
8. Group H, FIG. 9; and
9. Group I, FIG. 10.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group H, FIG. 9 for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is allowed. As filed, at least claims 39-41, 46, 47, 50, 52, 53 and 55 expressly read on the elected FIG. 9. Of course, any claim depending from independent claim 39, i.e., claims 40-55, should be included in prosecution of the present application. Applicant also notes that claim 39 reads on at least FIGs. 2, 3 and 7-10.

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However, claims 56-63 have herein been added, and independent claim 56 reads on at least FIGs. 1, 2, 4 and 6-10. Applicant submits that claim 56 also indirectly reads on FIGs. 3 and 5, since both of those figures are described in the specification as being includable with the system of FIG. 1. See the present application at, for example, paragraphs 33 and 34. In that regard, claim 56 is considered by Applicant to be a generic claim.

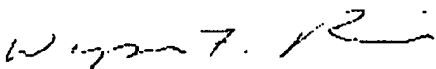
The Office Action cites to claim 1 as a generic claim. However, Applicant points out that while FIG. 1, for example, does indeed include a gasket around the periphery as a seal for the entire chamber, claim 1 recites a gasket to create zones in a porous material, which is something different. Thus, claim 1 does not expressly read on all the figures.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicant maintains that the claims of the subject application should all be examined.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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